

Nineteen Nineties



Brian Mulroney was the Prime Minister until handing over to Kim Campbell on 25 June 1993. Jean Chretien took over on 4 November 1993 for the rest of the decade.

The Tories introduced legislation that would create the Goods and Services Tax (GST), a national sales tax. The federal government decided that Sikhs may wear turbans while serving as Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) officers. The 1991 census recorded the population of Canada as 27,945,000. Protestors began blocking roads in Clayoquot Sound on 1 July 1993 to protest logging; almost 900 people were arrested. On 30 October 1995 Quebec held its second sovereignty referendum in 15 years. The "no" side

won, with a 50.6% majority in a vote that saw 93.2% of the population participating. The 14 July 1994 loss by the Vancouver Canucks in the 7th game of the Stanley Cup final ignited a riot in downtown Vancouver. Nunavut became Canada's third territory on 1 April 1999.

A standoff began on 1 July 1990 at Oka, Quebec when police attempted to storm a barricade erected by the Mohawk to block expansion of a golf course onto land they had claimed. Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa asked for the Army to intervene to maintain "public safety" on 17 August 1990. The Canadian bases in Germany at Lahr and Baden-Soellingen were closed on 30 July 1993. In 1995, the Canadian Airborne Regiment was disbanded after the Somalia affair. SHARP (Standard for Harassment and Racism Prevention) became mandatory for all members of the Canadian Forces. In 1995, a Special Commission on the Restructuring of the Reserves was commissioned. In 1998, Force Mobile Command was renamed Land Force Command. In September 1991, the five regional Militia Areas were reorganized into four Land Force Areas, and the Regular Force establishments were integrated into this chain of command based on geographic location.

On 2 August 1990, Iraqi forces invaded and conquered Kuwait. Aerial bombing of Iraq began in January 1991, and a month later, the UN forces drove the Iraqi army from Kuwait in just four days. The breakup of Yugoslavia beginning on 25 June 1991 after the republics of Croatia and Slovenia declared independence from Yugoslavia which was followed by the subsequent Yugoslav wars. The Rwandan Genocide ended on 16 July 1994 after lasting 100 days and resulting in the death of approximately 800,000 people.

Leaders from Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Croatia signed the Dayton Accord on 14 December 1995 ending 43 months of genocidal warfare.

Diana, Princess of Wales, was killed in an automobile crash in Paris, France on 31 August 1997.

The world population reached 6 billion.



The Regiment in the Nineties

Lieutenant-Colonel John Carter was the Commanding Officer followed by Lieutenant-Colonel John Brownlee-Baker. Lieutenant-Colonel Jack Mortlock was then followed by Lieutenant-Colonel Leon Jensen.

Master Warrant Officer Dave Levien was the Regimental Sergeant Major followed by Chief Warrant Officer Vic Yano. Master Warrant Officer Jim Jacobson and John McClelland were Acting Regimental Sergeants Major and the decade was rounded off with the appointment of Chief Warrant Officer Mark Jackson.

Lisa Abbott, Mark Ardley, Matthew Barrington, Andrea Bond, Rob Garrett, Shane Hall, Abdallah Kalmoni, William Martinez, Suzanne Morgan, Jason Morley joined the unit.

The unit became operationally focused with individuals deployed with the United Nations Force in Cyprus and then the United Nations Protection Force in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Training continued in Fort Lewis and Yakima in Washington state and a long road move led to On Guard 90 in Wainwright.

It was a spectacular decade for the 15th Field Artillery Regiment Band. With Captain Richard Van Slyke as Director, the band performed in such exotic locales as Palm Springs, Hawaii and Disneyland

A local group suggested that Bessborough Armoury should be converted into a community centre and the Department of National Defence proposed the reduction of three Vancouver armouries into one. Handicap access was constructed with a ramp leading from the parade square to the men's washroom.

The social atmosphere of the Regiment continued with the Officers' Saint Barbara's Day Dinner, Sergeant's Mess Dinners, New Year's Day Levee and Christmas Tea.

The 15th Field Artillery Museum & Archives Society arranged the successful dedication of the restored Point Grey coastal artillery emplacement.



New Years Day Levee - 1990

New Year's Day is also a great time to reminisce about days gone by and those that served before us. What better time to drop off a bunch of old photographs so that we can see how much we've aged?

another story here



WO Clive Walton, MWO Dave Levien, Sgt John Otway, Sgt Keith Laing.

Ex ???

In March of 1991 the unit conducts another live firing exercise in the bleak conditions of the Yakima Firing Centre. The Forward Observation (FOO) Party illustrates the desolation of the Observation Post location. Dust, ticks, cold winds and the odd rattlesnake are minor irritants for an almost limitless impact area.



Captain Ron Matthews

15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA – The 1990s

Dedication of Point Grey Battery Restoration

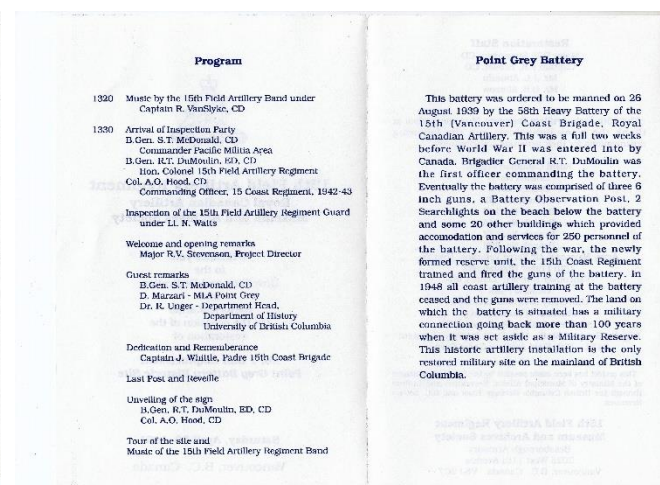
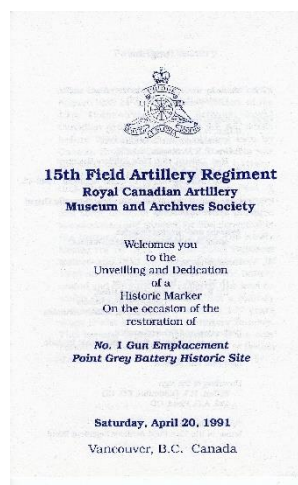
On 20 April, 1991 The Regiment assembled a Quarter Guard and Band for a ceremony beside the Museum of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia.



Sgt Mike Imada, Bdr Randy Philips, MBdr Kevin Rankin, Gnr William Martinez, Bdr Rob Wishnicki



WO Clive Walton



BGen Stuart McDonald, HCol Robert Dumoulin, Col AO Hood, Sgt Mike Imada, Gnr, MBdr Drew Bartlett, Bdr Randy Phillips

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Band Tour 2019

The Band of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA is well known in military circles as an excellent brass and reed band, one of the finest ones that the Canadian Armed Forces owns. The tour in 1991 involved the Canadian Consulate in Los Angeles lining the Band up with the Palm Springs Film Festival and other venues in order to showcase outstanding Canadian talent.



Capt Richard Van Slyke



Canada Day 1991

The unit fires the Canada Day salute from Brockton Point.



Maj John Brownlee-Baker, Maj Alfred Woo, Capt Richard Van Slyke, Capt Leon Jensen, Capt John Hawthorne, Maj Bob Mugford

Canadian Forces Decoration

On return to Bessborough Armoury, Major John Brownlee-Baker CD, Sergeant Jennifer Ritchie CD and Sergeant John Otway CD were presented their Canadian Forces Decorations while Captain Richard Van Slyke CD received the bar to his Canadian Forces Decoration.



Ex ???

The Fort Lewis Training Area in October is a stark contrast to that of Yakima from the previous spring. The lush vegetation provides ample opportunities to focus on camouflage and concealment. The major downside is the small impact area and the limited deployment areas. This exercise also provided the opportunity for both the Commanding Officer and Regimental Sergeant Major to fire their last round prior to handing over to their successors in the near future. The Regiment was very healthy in numbers with full detachments deployed.



MBdr Rob Wishnicki Gun Detachment



CO LCol John Carter, RSM MWO Dave Levien



MBdr Donato Calogero Gun Detachment



Lieutenant-Colonel John S. Brownlee-Baker CD



John S. Brownlee-Baker was taken on strength with the Royal Artillery on 9 February 1958. After initial training he was posted to J (Sidi Rezergh) Battery 3rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery in 1960. In 1964, Bombardier Baker was awarded the General Service medal with Radfan Bar for service in Aden where British personnel, with Federation troops, fought against the Egyptian/Yemeni backed Radfan tribesmen. The following year he was

awarded the South Arabia bar. A deployment to Northern Ireland rounded out his 3 RHA days.

In 1974 he was promoted Warrant Officer Class I and appointed Regimental Sergeant Major of 19th Field Regiment Royal Artillery and the Garrison Sergeant Major of the Royal School of Artillery in 1976. During that year he was awarded the medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Military).

In 1981 John Brownlee Baker emigrated to Canada and was taken on strength with 15th Field Artillery Regiment as a Master Warrant Officer. A job opportunity in Brantford, ON required a transfer to 56th Field Artillery Regiment where John was subsequently commissioned as a Captain. He returned to the west coast and 15th Field Artillery Regiment where he was promoted Major in 1990. The following year he was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration, promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and appointed Commanding Officer 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA, a position he held until 1996. In 2004 he was appointed Honorary Colonel until 2010. In 2007 he was presented with a clasp to the Canadian Forces Decoration.

Chief Warrant Officer Vic Tsuyoshi Yano CD



Vic Tsuyoshi Yano enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces on 23 June 1959 He was qualified QL1 Artillery, and qualified QL2 Basic Artillery Technician. He was posted to the 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery where he met and married Barb. He was subsequently qualified QL3 Artillery and QL4 Artillery as well as the Senior Leaders Course. Further courses included Driver Tracked and

Driver M109A3. Technical courses included Artillery Forward Observation Officer Technician and Advanced Artillery Surveyor.

He was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration in 1971.

Sergeant Vic Yano was posted to the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre Victoria from 1974 to 1 December 1976.

Warrant Officer Yano was awarded a clasp to his Canadian Forces decoration in 1981.

He was posted in as the Regular Support Staff Master Warrant Officer in 15th Field Artillery Regiment in 1984. On 15 July 1988 Vic Yano component transferred to the Primary Reserve and took a BC District Headquarters position as Staff Officer DA Verification 3. He was promoted Chief Warrant Officer on 20 July 1990, transferred to 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA on 21 October 1991 and appointed Regimental Sergeant Major on 14 December 1991. Chief Warrant Officer Yano was awarded a second clasp to his Canadian Forces decoration in 1981.

On his atransfer to the Primary Reserve Vic began his civilian career as a shipper receiver.

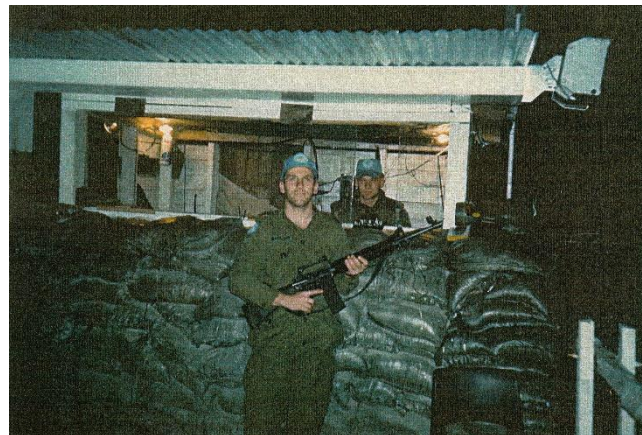
On 3 October 1996 he took his release from the Canadian Armed Forces.



UN Protection Force (Yugoslavia) (UNPROFOR)



UNPROFOR was established in February 1992 as an interim arrangement to create the conditions of peace and security required for the negotiation of an overall settlement of the Yugoslavian crisis. The role of the UN troops was to ensure that areas designated as "UN Protected Areas" (UNPA) became and remained demilitarized and that all persons residing in these areas were protected from fear of armed attack. Master Bombardier Drew Bartlett deployed with 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry in March 1992.



Exercise Target Round, Chilliwack, BC

C7 Personal Weapons Test (PWT) and C9 Light Machine Gun (LMG) refresher.



Capt Leon Jensen, Lt Kent Wickens, Capt Ron Mathews Donato Calogero, Nick Watts, Layne Yoshimaru and John McClelland.



The 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal



The 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal was a commemorative medal struck by the Royal Canadian Mint for the 125th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada and was awarded to Canadians who were deemed to have made a significant contribution to their fellow citizens, to their community, or to Canada. Nominations were submitted and some 42,000 medals were awarded including Sergeant Donato Calogero, Master Bombardier Dawne Larsen, Bombardier William Martinez and Captain Richard J Van Slyke CD

Fort Lewis

Commanding Officer provides advice.



LCol John Brownlee- Baker. ?, Maj Alfred Woo, Sgt Donato Calogero, Sgt John McClelland, MBdr Kevin Rankin and Sgt Mike Imada.

Remembrance Day – Canadian Football League

Salute to the Veterans. The guns were deployed to BC Place as part of the half time show. The original intent was to fire them inside the stadium but after a sample round was fired, without the public present, it was agreed that it would not be a wise plan.



Gnr Garnet Woodford, Bdr Al McDonnell

UNFICYP United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus - OP SNOWGOOSE 58

In the interest of international peace and security, the Mission was established in March 1964 to use its best efforts to prevent the recurrence of fighting between the Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots and, as necessary, to contribute to the maintenance and restoration of law and order and a return to normal conditions which has included supervising the cease-fire and maintaining a buffer zone.

Eleven members of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA deployed on OP SNOWGOOSE from 31 July 1992 to 16 March 1993. Lieutenant Kent A Wickens, Master Bombardier Robert G Wishnicki, Bombardier Lisa Abbott, Bombardier Ken Chui, Bombardier Anthony Gee, Bombardier Shane Hall, Gunner Dolan Magrath, Bombardier Randy Phillips, Bombardier Rick Tennant, Bombardier Dave Urquhart and Bombardier Oliver Young deployed with the 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. Lieutenant Brent Purcell was also a member of OP SNOWGOOSE 58 but did not realize, at that time, that he had a future calling with 15th Field Artillery Regiment.



Bdr Shane Hall, MBdr Rob Wishnicki



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Bombardier Rob Garrett, Gunner Bill Rae, Gunner Garnet Woodford deployed with 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

Clinton Yeltsin Summit in Vancouver - 3 April 1993

The first meeting between President Bill Clinton of the United States of America and Russian President Boris Yeltsin. The guns deployed to the tarmac at Vancouver International Airport and awaited the arrival of Air Force One and the equivalent Russian airliner. Captain Leon Jensen was dispatched to the reception area where he stood with a cell phone awaiting for the Honour Guard to order "Present Arms." Standing with the phone, in the crowd, he waited for each of the dignitaries to step up to the podium, he whispered into the receiver, "Standby", "Standby", "Standby" (Why is that Security guy standing beside Capt Jensen and why are the snipers on the hangar roofs scanning the crowd?) "Fire!" Perfect timing!



Sgt John McClelland, LCol John Brownlee-Baker, CWO Vic Yano

15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA – The 1990s

Remembrance Day 1993

Six Guns deployed as a salute troop. United Nations berets on the gun line.



Lt Ron Miller, Lt Nick Watts, Lt Doug Gayton, Sgt John McClelland

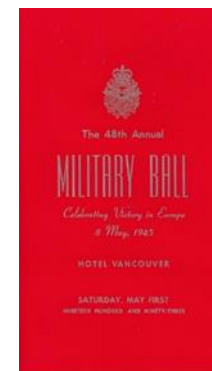
Palm Springs

Captain Richard Van Slyke poses with Sonny Bono and the United States Marine Corps Bandsmen attached to the 15th Field Artillery Regiment Band for their Palm Springs tour.



The 48th Annual Military Ball

The prestigious event was held at the Hotel Vancouver. Debutantes were given a wonderful introduction to the intricacies of the formal event which included a Debutantes' Dinner and Dance at the Seaforth Armoury, a tea and training session with the RCMP and a Dads and Daughters event at The Drill Hall on Beatty Street.



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St Barbara's Day Mess Dinner 1993

The Officers' Mess continues with their annual St Barbara's Day Special Guest Night. The conversations continue late into the evening.



Capt John Hawthorne, LCol John Carter, CWO Vic Yano



Capt Richard Van Slyke

Qualification Level 3 (QL3) Artilleryman Course

23 October 1993 – 28 March 1994.



1, 2, Gnr Nicole Enns, 4, 5, 6, Gnr Robyn Chambers, 8
Centre Rank: Gnr James Perkins, 10, Gnr Jennifer Goodfellow, Gnr Stephen Oulette, 13, Gnr
Isaak Skuce, Gnr Tania Baker, Gnr Anne Edwards, 17, 18, 19, Gnr Jordan Lennox
Sgt George Lenis, Brian Loughheed, CWO Vic Yano, LCol John Brownlee-Baker,
Lt Doug Gayton, MBdr Mann

Fry Backs Community Bid for Armoury

Vancouver Courier 9 March 1994

The originators of this community plan apparently thought that there was a pool in the Armoury and that it was only being used for the storage of tanks.

FRY BACKS COMMUNITY BID FOR ARMOURY

By BRIAN TRUSCOTT
staff writer

A West Side armoury could soon become a community services centre.

A local initiative born from the Kitsilano local area planning process has prompted federal, provincial and municipal politicians to ask the Department of National Defence to dedicate or lease the Bessborough Armoury at 11th and Maple to the city.

"I believe that the uses proposed by the Bessborough Armouries initiative is consistent with creative use of defense facilities," MP Hedy Fry wrote in a Feb. 4 letter to National Defence Minister David Collette.

"The Kitsilano community, the mayor of the city of Vancouver and the province of B.C. are all supportive and very willing to co-operate with you and your officials in any effort to allow access to this facility by the community as proposed."

"The armouries are proposed to be leased on a long-term basis for the purpose of providing community facilities such as a swimming pool, gymnasium, classroom, meeting rooms and office space. The proposal includes a plan for allowing cadets to use private, dedicated space for training, mess, etc."

The defence department wouldn't comment on the proposal by press time.

Kitsilano resident Scot Hein, an original proponent of the initiative, said Monday the under-utilized building is used for storing tanks and armoured vehicles, while the covered 'infield' is used by the

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Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel R. Vic Stevenson CD



Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Victor "Vic" Stevenson started his military career as an Officer Cadet with the University of British Columbia Canadian Officer Training Corps in 1950. He was commissioned Lieutenant in 1950 and taken on strength with the 102nd Coast Regiment RCA on 2 October 1950. With the demise of coastal artillery he transferred to The 15th Field Regiment

RCA on 25 October 1954. He was promoted Captain on 1 January 1957 and promoted Major in March of 1965. Vic held many appointments at that rank including Battery Commander and was subsequently appointed Second in Command in November 1973. In November 1976 he was transferred to the Supplementary Reserves and returned to uniform as the Commanding Officer of 2472 Royal Canadian Army Cadets the following January before once again transferring to the Supplementary Reserve in 1988. He then devoted his attention to the Regimental Museum which he initiated and was recognized for this work by his appointment as Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel 15th Field Artillery Regiment from 22 April 1995 to 21 April 2004.

When not involved with The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, Vic was also a teacher and Vice-Principal with the Vancouver School Board as well as a husband and father. Sadly, he passed away on 30 May 2010.



Freedom of the City Parade

On 22 April 1995 the Regiment exercised its freedom of the city with a parade downtown. The Regimental Band led with the Director of Music, Captain Richard Van Slyke marching beside the front rank. The Parade Second in Command, Major Leon Jensen follows with Regimental Sergeant Major Chief Warrant Officer Vic Yano. Captain Steve Watkins leads the first battery with Battery Sergeant Major Master Warrant Officer Jim Jacobson. The second Battery is led by Captain Steve Burridge and Battery Sergeant Major Master Warrant Officer John McClelland.



MWO Jim Jacobson, Ericson, Bdr Ericson, Sgt Donato Calogero, Sgt Ian Smith, Lt Waldman, Bdr Tennant, Garnet Woodford, Sgt Rob Wishnicki, MBdr Kalmoni, MBdr Brian Holt, Capt Steve Watkins, Iska Scholl, Bdr Tony Gee, Sgt George Lenis, Capt Kent Wickens, Sgt John McClelland, Sgt Keith Laing, MBdr Drew Bartlett, Gnr Taylor, MBdr Oly Young, MBdr Ken Chiu, Lt, Maj Leon Jensen



CWO Vic Yano, Maj Leon Jensen, Capt Steve Watkins, Lt Iska Scholl



Capt Richard Van Slyke, WO Ken Surges

UN Protection Force (Yugoslavia) (UNPROFOR)



Major Leon Jensen was the last of the five members of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA to deploy as part of UNPROFOR. Originally slated to go to United Nations Command Headquarters in Sarajevo, his tour was amended as he stepped on to the ground in the Former Yugoslavia. A situation had arisen and his posting was changed to work in the British Sector South West Headquarters.



Western Challenge 95

The Ram, the newspaper of Land Force Western Area, features Bombardier Chris Schulz on the front cover highlighting the story on the exercise that took place from 19 to 25 August 1995.



Forward Observation Officer Course

Lieutenant Grayson McReady attends the Forward Observation Officer (FOO) Course in Gagetown, NB. Several of the other candidates gained future prominence in the Artillery world. Captain Brent Purcell, a Captain in 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery later joined 15th Field Artillery Regiment and took command in 2014. Captain Dany Fortin from 5e Régiment d'artillerie légère du Canada is currently (2019) a Major general.



Trade Qualification 1 (TQ1) Artillery Course



Back Row - Gnr Konrad Skuce, Gnr Spruston, Gnr Hall and Gnr Sterkenberg.
Front Row - MBdr Oliver Young; MBdr Matthew H Gillies; Course Officer Lt Isaak Skuce; CO's rep Captain Byrne; Acting RSM, MWO Jacobson; Course WO Sgt Rob Wishnicki; Sgt Brian Holt

Qualification Level three course

Graduation Parade 10 November 1995



Seated: Bdr Gee, MBdr Matthew H Gillies, MBdr Drew Bartlett, Sgt Rob Garrett, Lt Douglas P Gayton, LCol John Brownlee-Baker, WO McClelland, MBdr Graig Halpin, MBdr Holt

Unveiling of 75th Anniversary Plaque

The 15th Field Artillery Regiment Museum presented a plaque commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the formation of the 15th Field Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery on 2 February 1920.



HLCOL Victor Stevenson, Maj Al Woo

15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA – The 1990s 75th Anniversary Open House

The 15th Field Artillery Regiment hosted an open house for family, friends and neighbours to tour the Bessborough Armoury and meet the Gunners. The band played, there was cake and displays to view.



Rob Wishnicki, LCol John Brownlee-Baker, former HCol Theo DuMoulin, Capt Ron Matthews, Perkins



Bdr Dave Urquhart and guest



NATO Operation Joint Endeavour

At the beginning of 1996 Major Leon Jensen was the only member of the Regiment deployed overseas. On 14 December 1995 North Atlantic Council launched the largest military operation ever undertaken by the Alliance, Operation Joint Endeavour. Based on UN Security Council Resolution 1031, NATO was given the mandate to implement the military aspects of the Peace Agreement. A NATO-led multinational force, called the Implementation Force (IFOR), started its mission on 20 December 1995. The operation had significantly changed since his arrival the previous year. He was still employed with the British Army headquarters in Sector South West but the 4th Mechanized Brigade (The Black Rats) had been deployed out of Gornji Vakuf and the headquarters had been taken over by the British 3rd Mechanized Division. He was followed later in the year with the deployment of Master Bombardier James Perkins and Master Bombardier Darrell Erickson who deployed with the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry.

Change of Commanding Officer

Lieutenant-Colonel John Brownlee-Baker handed over command to Lieutenant-Colonel Jack Mortlock. He was presented gifts from the Regiment on his departure.



Pat Brownlee-Baker, Maj Al Woo, Capt Ron Mathews, LCol John Brownlee-Baker

Ex Western Challenge 96

The exercise was conducted in Fort Lewis WA and the Land Force Western Area newspaper The Ram provide coverage of the artillery portion of the exercise.



Canadian Forces' Decoration (CD)

The Canadian Forces' Decoration is awarded to officers and Non-Commissioned Members of the Canadian Forces who have completed twelve years of service with a good record of conduct. Master Bombardier Ian Smith CD receives his Canadian Forces Decoration from the Colonel Commandant.



MBdr Ian Smith, WO Benson Lum, BGen Beudry



Lieutenant-Colonel Jack W. Mortlock CD

Lieutenant Jack Mortlock was taken on strength with the Regular Forces serving as with W Battery 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in Cyprus in 1965 and the 4th Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in 1966. He was on course at the Royal Canadian School of Artillery in 1967 and a Captain with the 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery from 1968 to 1970. He was subsequently posted to 1 Airborne Battery from 1971 to 1972 and to

the Combat Arms School from 31 December 1973 to 31 December 1975. He was back with the 1 Airborne Battery as at 31 December 1976, the 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery as at 31 December 1977 until 31 December 1978. Posted to the Special Service Force Headquarters and Signals Squadron as at 31 December 1979 to 31 December 1981 and back again to the Canadian Airborne Regiment as at 31 December 1982. Canadian Airborne Centre Edmonton as at 31 December 1983 to 31 December 1986 and then Regular Support Staff Officer at 5th (BC) Field Battery Royal Canadian Artillery in December 1987. Promoted Major and at the Combat Training Centre in Gagetown as at December 1988 to December 1989 followed by the Canadian Forces Officer Candidate School as at December 1990 to February 1993. He served an operational tour with UNPROFOR as at February 1994 and then posted to Esquimalt as at February 1995 before transferring to the Supplementary Holding Reserve. On 2 March 1996 he was transferred to 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA, promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and appointed Commanding Officer on 20 April 1996.

Master Warrant Officer James E. Jacobson CD

James Jacobson was taken on strength as a Gunner in 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA on 16 November 1976, qualified General Military Training on 18 June 1977 and qualified Trade Qualification 1 (TQ1) Basic Artilleryman on 9 April 1978. He was promoted Bombardier on 1 September 1978, qualified Junior NCO Course on 27 July 1980 and promoted Master Bombardier on 1 September 1980. Subsequently he was qualified TQ2 Basic



Artillery Technician on 4 January 1981, qualified Driver Non-Trade on 18 December 1980 and qualified TQ3 Artillery (Detachment Commander) on 12 November 1981. He was qualified Senior NCO on 22 March 1983 and promoted Sergeant on 24 March 1983. James was qualified TQ4 Artillery on 8 August 1986 and promoted Warrant Officer on 23 April 1987. He was qualified Master Warrant Officer on 29 April 1988, awarded Dumoulin Trophy for 1988, promoted Master Warrant Officer on 8 December 1988. He was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration in 1988. He completed the Combat Intelligence Course on 22 March 1989 and was appointed Regimental Sergeant Major from 1996 to 1997. Master Warrant officer Jacobson transferred to the Supplementary Ready Reserve on 4 December 1997.

Remembrance Day 1996

The Regiment fired their annual Remembrance Day Salute at CRAB Park at Portside on 11 November.



Lt Doug Gayton, Sgt John McClelland, Gnr Taylor, Gnr MBdr Ollie Young, Sgt Drew Bartlett



Chilliwack Exercise

Regimental Exercise aren't always about gunnery and basic weapons handling. Gunners do need to get out and do some rappelling at times.



Chilliwack Exercise

Of course, there is also the requirement to stay current with Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear standards. Snowy weather just makes it that much more appreciated.



Liz Colling, Lt Tyler, Capt Dave Montrose, Capt Ron Mathews

Shilo Exercise

This photo evokes the smell of Shilo in the morning as you arrive on position to deploy your gun in a location that appears to have never been used before. The wide open sky, the crackling tannoy, the dusty camnet. What could be better?



Lt Doug Gayton

Canada Remembers 1996

The 15th Field Artillery Regiment Museum & Archives provides the 25 pounder for the Canada Remembers display at the Seaforth Armoury.



John Redmond

Master Warrant Officer John H. McClelland CD

Taken on strength as a Gunner in 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA on 28 January 1978, qualified General Military Training on 1 November 1980, qualified TQ1 Artilleryman on 27 August 1978, promoted Bombardier on 1 February 1979, qualified TQ2 Artillery Communications on 26 May 1979, qualified Driver Non-Trade on 18 December 1980, qualified Junior NCO Course on 27 June 1981, promoted Master Bombardier on 27 June 1981, qualified Senior NCO on 22 October 1982, qualified TQ3 Detachment Commander on 10 November 1982, promoted Sergeant on 13 January 1983, qualified TQ1 Supply Technician on 25 January 1984, qualified TQ2 supply Technician on 20 July 1984, awarded Dumoulin trophy for 1989, qualified Artillery Technician Part 1 (Recce) on 29 May 1993, qualified Artillery Technician Part 2 (CP) on 30 June 1993, qualified QL6B Artillery on 30 June 1994, promoted Master Warrant Officer on 1 December 1997, Acting Regimental Sergeant Major from 1998 to 1999, transferred to The British Columbia Dragoons on 7 June 2001, released ???, employed as a Construction Supervisor.



Regimental Band Schedule

The Band of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA continued with an impressive schedule. The Twilight tattoo in Hawaii, the Canadian Military Engineers' reunion in Chilliwack, the Change of Command at the 116 Squadron, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 61, Squadron 31 and the Willow Grove Naval Air Station 25th Anniversary filled up their weekends during the year. Throw in a performance at the opening night of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and there is little wonder that the Band continued to receive rave reviews.

Remembrance Day 1997

A beautiful Vancouver day, perfect for remembering all those that have sacrificed themselves for our country. Our usual saluting point, Portside Park echoes with the roar of the 21 round salute.



Canadian Forces Sailing Association (CFSA)

The CFSA had been active in the Vancouver area for many years with its main supporters being 1 Combat Engineer Regiment in Chilliwack. With the move of the Engineer Regiment, members of 39 Canadian Brigade Group took up the slack and ensured that the club's main asset, WINGS, remained with the local club. Courses were run and several members of the Regiment became qualified. Captain Grayson McReady and Major Leon Jensen quickly came onboard.



Lieutenant-Colonel Leon Jensen OMM CD



Taken on strength as a Gunner in 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA on 12 November 1970, qualified General Military Training on 1 June 1971, qualified TQ1 Artilleryman on 25 March 1972, qualified Junior NCO Course on 25 August 1972, promoted Bombardier on 1 October 1972, participated on EX REFORGER in 1973; qualified Senior NCO Part I on 24 November 1973, qualified Senior NCO on 2 March 1974, promoted Sergeant on 1

April 1974, promoted Warrant Officer on 1 November 1976, qualified TQ2 Artillery Communicator on 2 September 1976, qualified TQ2 Artillery Driver Wheeled on 23 September 1976, transferred to Supplementary List on 22 April 1978, attach posted from Supplementary List on 1 June 1979, cease attachment from Supplementary List on 24 April 1982, transferred to 20th Field Artillery Regiment RCA in 1982, promoted Master Warrant Officer, transferred to 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA on 9 August 1983, promoted Chief Warrant Officer and appointed Regimental Sergeant Major on 1 April 1986, awarded FMC Achievement Award on 1 June 1987, transferred to Headquarters Militia Area Pacific on 15 September 1988, commissioned Captain on 24 September 1988, transferred to 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA on 1 March 1989, qualified Artillery ICT on 24 August 1990, qualified Artillery ACT on 24 June 1992, qualified Militia Officer Staff Course on 5 Feb 1993, promoted Major on 13 October 1993, Operational tour with UNPROFOR in 1995, Operational tour with IFOR in 1996, promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and appointed Commanding Officer 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA on 24 October 1998, qualified Senior Officer Harassment Investigator on 29 June 2000, appointed Project Director Land Force Reserve Restructure in 2004, promoted Colonel (WSE) in 2004 and 2011; Struck off strength 2013, Employed in warehouse equipment industry as operations manager, sales representative and branch manager, Liberal candidate in 2015 and 2019 federal election. President The Royal Canadian Artillery Association 2018 to 2020.

Change of Command Parade

Lieutenant-Colonel Jack Mortlock provides some final words to the soldiers on parade



Warrant Officers' & Sergeants' Mess Lunch

The Warrant Officers and Sergeants have traditionally dined in on training days. It has been the task of the junior members of the Mess to set the table with table cloth and silverware. Breaking bread as a Mess has ensured a strong team in the field.



WO Benson Lum, Kevin Walker, Labossiere, MWO John McClelland, Sgt Donato Calogero, Sgt Dave Urquhart, Sgt Brian Holt, Sgt Ken Chui, WO Rob Wishnicki

15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA – The 1990s

October Gunner 1998

October Gunner became the last field exercise for the 105mm C1 Howitzers.



Bdr Lani Jakimchuk



Lt Don Lamb

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Police Memorial Day

The Regiment provides a Minute Gun to mark the beginning of the two minute silence for the fallen during the ceremony at Stanley Park.



Bessborough Armoury

The struggle continues to retain the Bessborough and Beatty Street Armouries. The British Columbia Regiment forges ahead with their public campaign, the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA in support.



Loss of armories would cripple reserve units

DO NOT speak for the Canadian Forces as a whole, but I know of the grief and anger within the military community caused by the announcement that two Vancouver armories were "targeted" for closure.

Thousands of citizen soldiers have passed through the doors of these armories, and we have mourned the departure of many who would never pass through those doors again. This possible closure threatens to deny their memory because the buildings



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serve as a physical reminder of their lives. One proposed plan was to move the 15th Field Artillery Regiment and the British Columbia Regiment to the 'Seaford' Armories on Burrard. Many fear that this really means that the two units will be disbanded because the facilities are adequate for one unit, but not three.

Soon after the announcement was released to the press, an in-camera meeting was held between the B.C. Regimental Officers association and the Commander of Land Forces Western Area. Brigadier General Dan Ross promised that the reserve units and cadet corps that may be displaced would get facilities which are "as good or better" than their previous buildings.

It doesn't make sense to build new

facilities when present facilities are adequate. It certainly won't cut military expenditures. One of the reasons given to close the two buildings is the cost of upkeep. However, former and present members will soon take it upon themselves to wash and paint the outside of one of the armories. This will save the taxpayers approximately \$42,000 in labor and materials as much of it will be donated by those affected by the possible closure.

With the closure of CFB Chilliwack, it is the reserve units that are providing the bulk of the Canadian Forces presence in mainland B.C., and to lose these units, or

even their armories would certainly cripple disaster relief. Regular and reserve force equipment, soldiers and facilities were used during the Manitoba Floods, the Quebec ice storms and during the snow storm in B.C. just over a year ago. If the price to keep these armories open is too high, then what is the dollar value on lives when disaster strikes?

Last Christmas, soldiers delivered Christmas hampers to needy families, then fed Vancouver's homeless in one of the armories.

Would these facilities be as useful if they were a hotel lobby? (Is everything for sale?)

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Regimental Boat Cruise

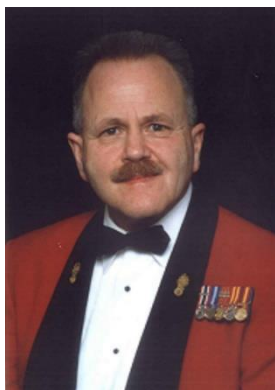
It's not all training and hard work. There is time for the Officers' Mess to organize a boat cruise for its members.



Kent Wickens, John McClelland, Doug Gayton, Iska Scholl, Liz Colling, Isaak Skuce, Grayson McCready, Rob Tyler



Chief Warrant Officer John Mark Jackson CD



Taken on strength as a Gunner in 1970 in 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA on 23 April 1969, qualified Artilleryman 021C on 11 April 1970, qualified Artillery Technician on 17 July 1970, qualified Advanced Artillery Training on 14 August 1970, qualified Junior NCO on 31 December 1970, promoted Bombardier on 1 February 1971, completed Senior NCO Course on 3 Nov 1974, participated on EX REFORGER in 1973 and 1974, qualified Senior NCO on

1 August 1975, promoted Sergeant 1 December 1975, qualified TQ2 Artillery Driver Wheeled on 23 September 1976, qualified Basic Combat Intelligence Course on 18 November 1976, qualified Advanced Artillery Technician on 12 August 1977, promoted Warrant Officer on 1 April 1978, qualified Master Warrant Officer on 21 July 1978, promoted Master Warrant Officer in 1982, transferred to Supplementary Ready Reserve on 16 June 1994, transferred to 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA on 18 May 1999, promoted Chief Warrant Officer and appointed Regimental Sergeant Major from 1999 to 2004.

Mark was a member of the Vancouver Fire Department rising to the rank of Captain before retiring to Vancouver Island and taking on the job of Fire Chief at Union Bay.

Order of Military Merit

Founded on July 1, 1972, the Order of Military Merit



recognizes distinctive merit and exceptional service displayed by the men and women of the Canadian Forces, both Regular and Reserve. Many have demonstrated dedication and devotion beyond the call of duty, and the Order honours them for their commitment to



Canada. On 26 October 1999, Major General Stuart T McDonald CMM CD appointed Commander and Captain Richard J Van Slyke MMM CD appointed a Member in the Order of Military Merit.



Training in Hawaii

The Regimental Band has a reputation for making the most of opportunities as they are presented. When it involves a conflict between completing the annual Individual Battle Task Standards (IBTS) and an awesome gig, what can you do? After all, the qualified assessment team is in Vancouver and the gig is in Hawaii. Best solution – bring the assessment team to Hawaii with the Band and take care of both requirements at once!



Lt Doug Gayton, Lt Kent Wickens, Sgt Drew Bartlett, Bdr Gillies, Bdr Rob Garrett, Lt Nick Watts, Bdr Lisa Abbott, Bdr Tony Gee



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15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA – The 1990s

Remembrance Day 1999

The 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA fires the salute at 1100 hours on Remembrance Day, the 11th day of the 11th month, in commemoration of those that have served.



Bdr Martinez, Ken Chiu

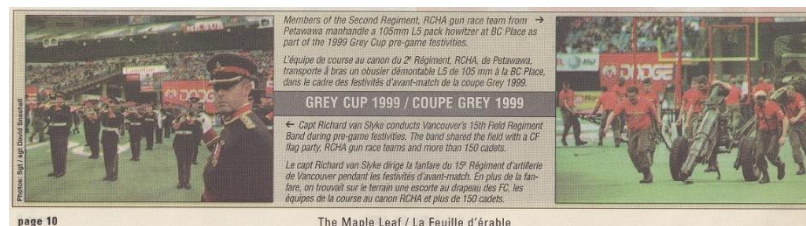
Fortissimo II

The 15th Field Artillery Regiment Band fanfare team travelled to Ottawa to perform in Fortissimo II. They added a distinct sound to the evening's performance and their drill and deportment were excellent.



Canadian Football League - Grey Cup

The Band performed at BC Place Stadium during the half time show during the 1999 Grey Cup.



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